Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
November 30, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Long-expected God,

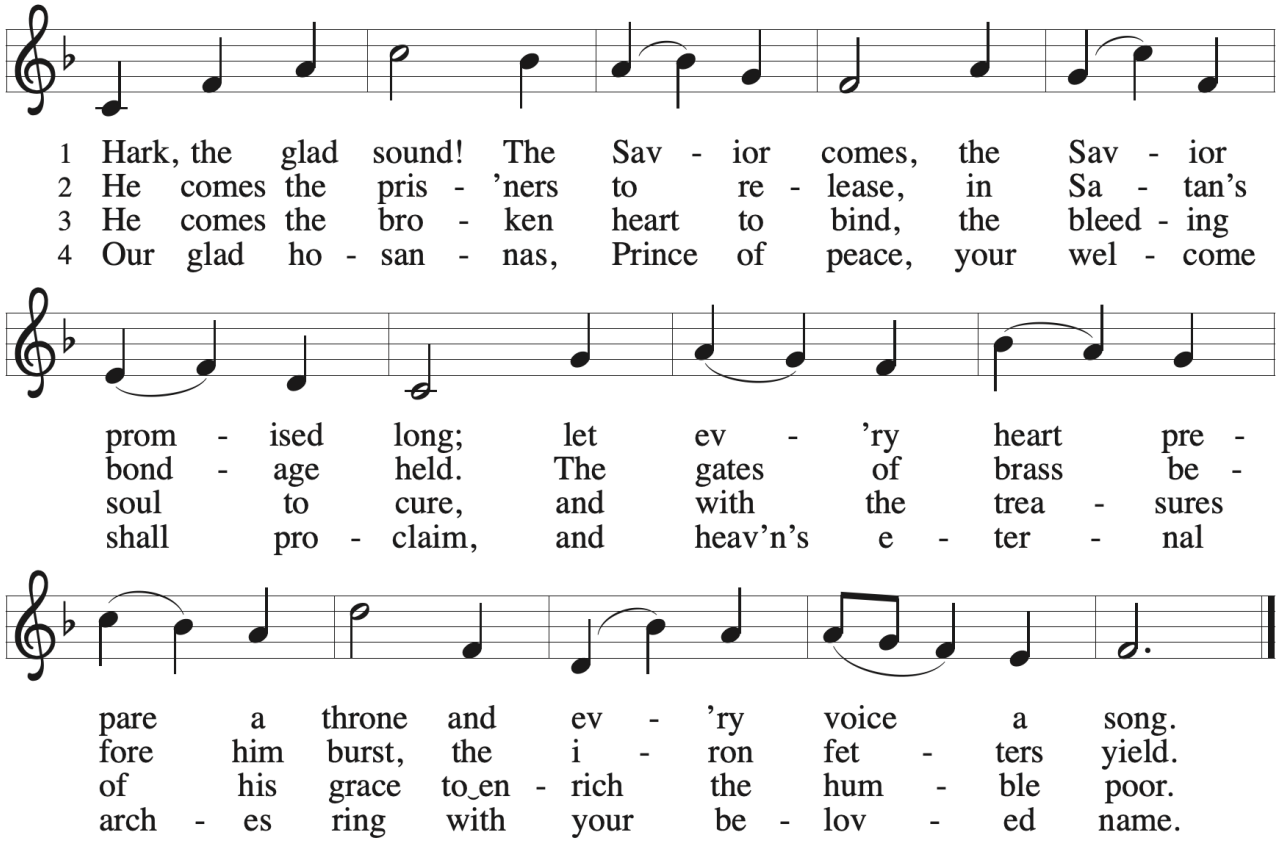
C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 239

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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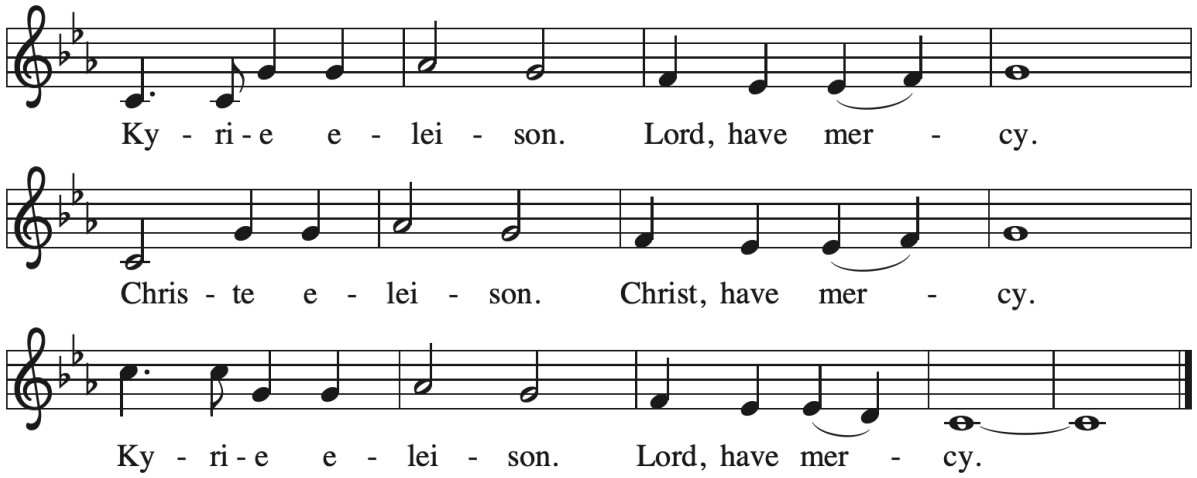


ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

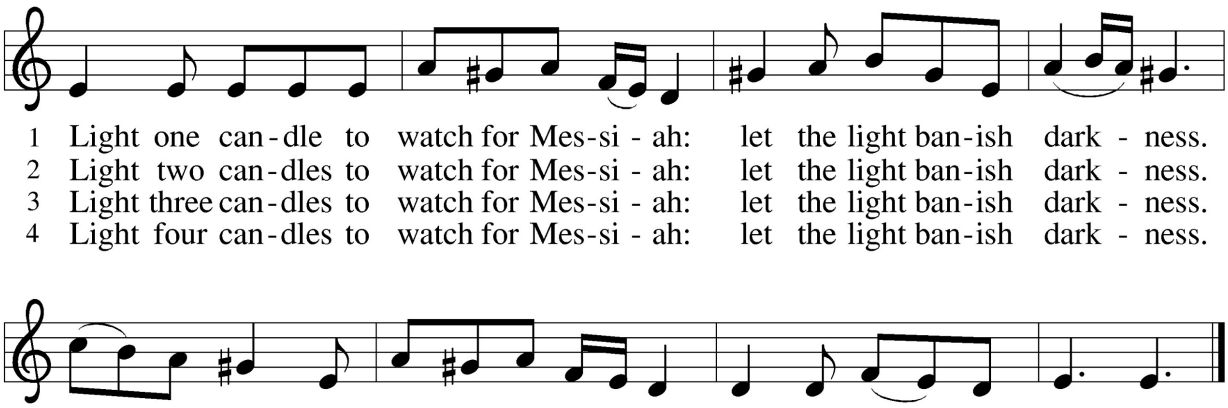
P: Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,

C: let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN – *"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (v.1)*



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

A: A reading from Isaiah.

[1] The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
[2] In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the
highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
[3] Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God
of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD
from Jerusalem.
[4] He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning
hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
[5] O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 122

[1] I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
[2] **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
[3] Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
[4] **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,**
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
[5] For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
[6] **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**
[7] Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
[8] **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**
[9] Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

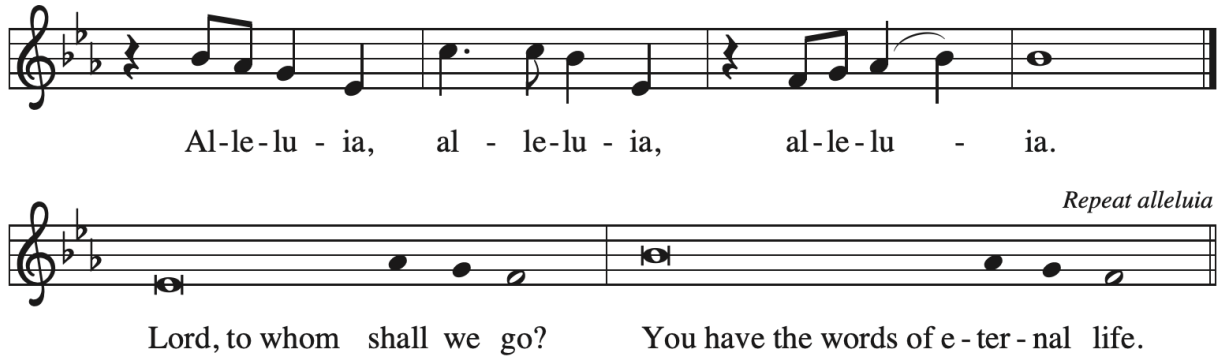
Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

A: A reading from Romans.

[11] Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; [12] the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; [13] let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. [14] Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] 36 "About that day and hour no one knows, neither
the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of
Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in the days before
the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until
the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came
and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then
two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. 41 Two women
will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. 42 Keep
awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But
understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night
the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his
house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man
is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

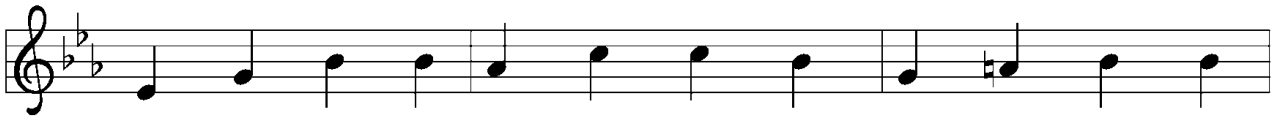
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

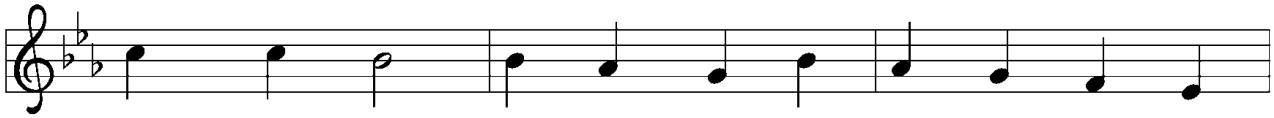
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW 246

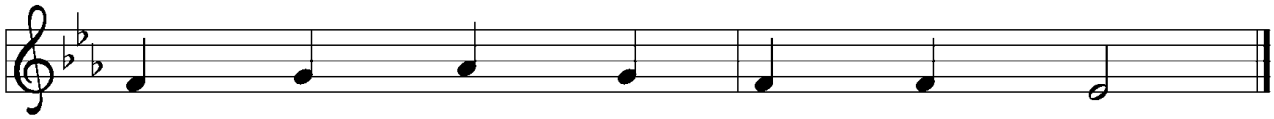
"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!"



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
one and all, to be for - giv'n;
and with words of love draw near.
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
Music: MERTON , William H. Monk, 1823–1889

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A: God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing especially those lacking food and housing, those struggling with mental health and those affected by HIV and AIDS as we remember World AIDS Day. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

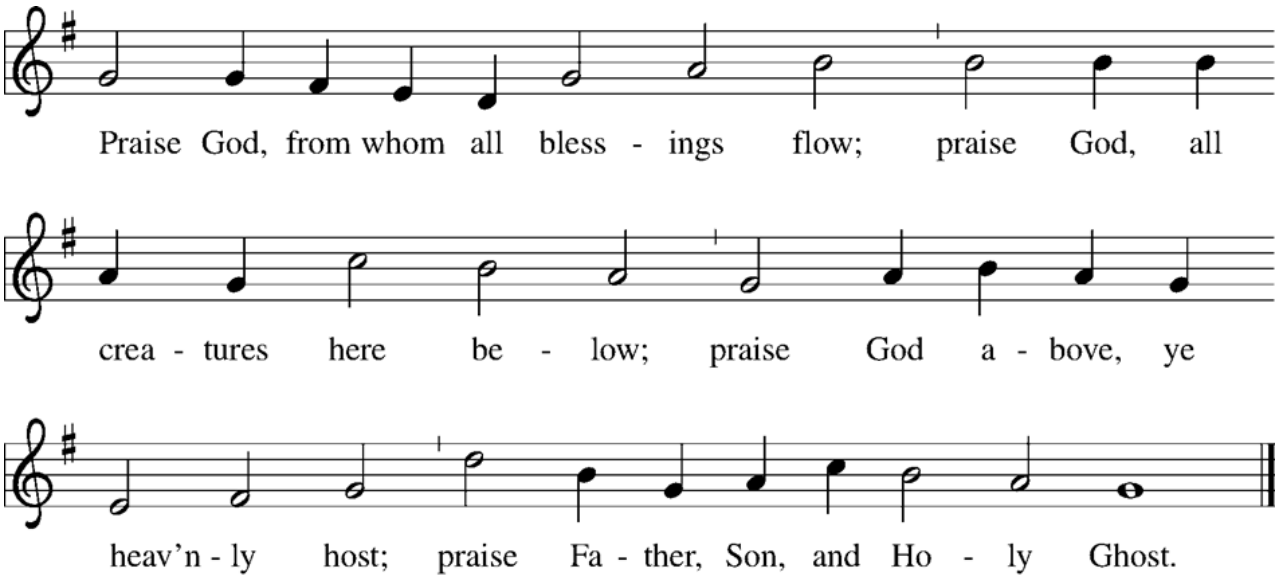
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

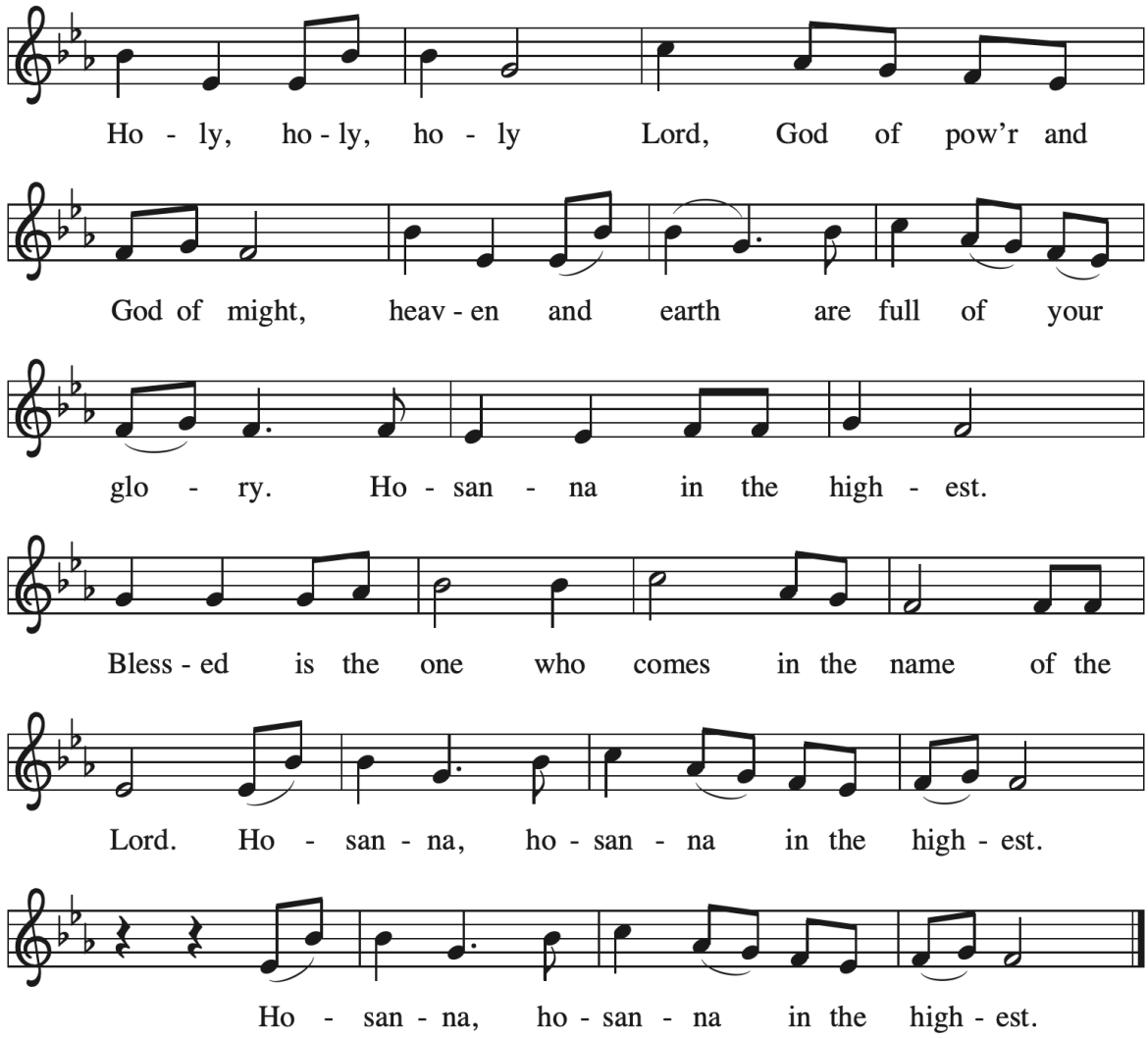
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

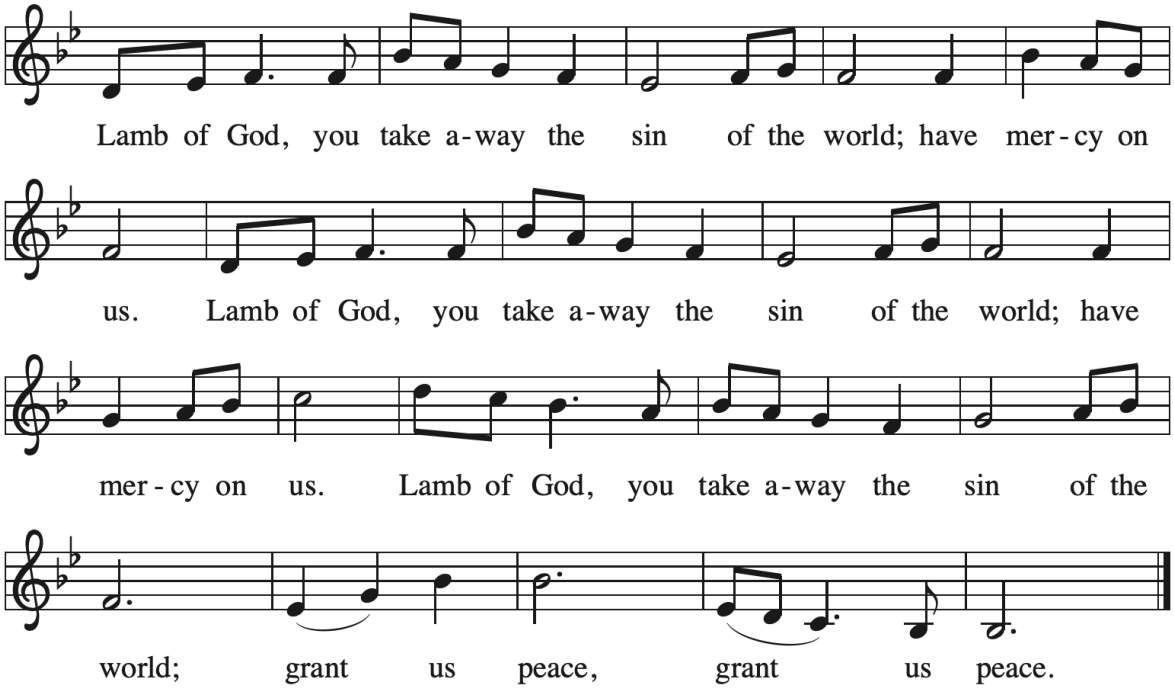
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN - *"Michael, Row The Boat Ashore"*

Widely adapted American Folk (Roud Index 11975) with origins back to the Civil War at St. Helena Island and sung by freed slaves.

Refrain
Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.
Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.

Sister help to trim the sail, hallelujah.
Sister help to trim the sail, hallelujah.

(Refrain)

The River Jordan is chilly and cold, hallelujah.
Chills the body but not the soul, hallelujah.

(Refrain)

The river is deep and the river is wide, hallelujah.
Milk and honey on the other side, hallelujah.

(Refrain)

The trumpet sounds the jubilee, hallelujah.
The trumpet sounds for you and me, hallelujah.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

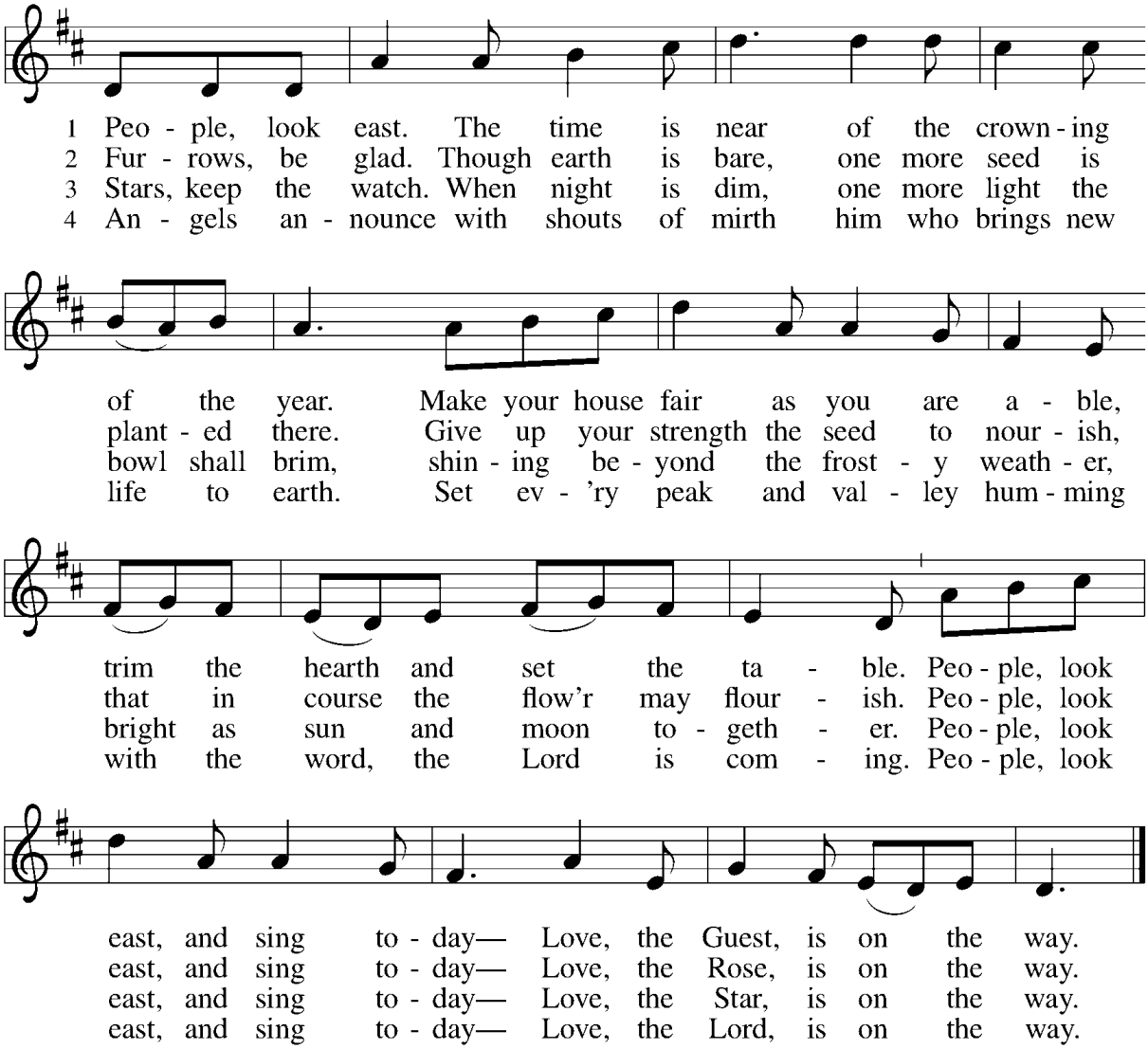
BLESSING

P: May God who comes among us,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 248

"People, Look East"



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BESANÇON, French carol
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (October - December) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettia order forms can be found in the Narthex; the cost of a Poinsettia is $8. Please complete the form and return it to the office by December 7th. You may put your order and payment in an envelope and mail it to the church or drop it in the offering plate or Office mailbox. Thank you!

Get your Emmanuel Christmas Cards!

A pack of 5 for $5, available to purchase at the November and December Birthday Coffee hours. Proceeds to benefit the Blessing Bags project.

Blessing Bags

The Membership committee has purchased items to fill blessing bags for the winter season, if you would still like to donate, you can give an offering for them to purchase bus tokens. Thank you!

Let's Go Out to Eat!

You are invited for a social event for people to get to know each other better, invite a friend or two! Tuesday, December 16th at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town – located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI. After dinner, you can head over to Emmanuel for Cookies, Cocoa, and Carols.

Cookies, Cocoa, and Carols

Please join us in the church overflow area on Thursday, December 16th from 7:00pm -8:00pm for cookies, cocoa, and carols! Please bring some cookies and cocoa to share as we sing carols and just have some fellowship this Christmas season!

Christmas Eve Services
There will be a Christmas Eve service at 6:00pm and 10:00pm. Poinsettias can be picked up after the 10pm service.

Help Needed!
If you can help, please leave a message with the church office, email clothescloset@emmanuelypsi.org or foodpantry@emmanuelypsi.org or call/text Karen Facer @ 734-323-7925 Thank you!

*Pull a tag off the Giving Tree and purchase or find a gently used item to fulfill that gift. Bring it back, unwrapped, to the Giving Tree by December 7.

*Sign up to assist with Expanded Clothes Closets December 3, 10 (8:30a-10:30a) and 13 (9a-noon). Signup sheets on Gathering Area Bulletin Board.

*Sorting donations in the Clothes Closet a separate time from Wednesday mornings. To pull winter items from donation pile and organize for expanded December Clothes Closets. Flexible days, will not be working alone.

*Lead Tuesday Food Delivery, no experience necessary, training available. 1:30p until about 2:30 or 3p

*Weekly ongoing Wednesday morning Clothes Closet volunteer(s) to help with welcoming clients, restocking, assisting taking in donations. 8:30a-10:30a. No experience necessary.

*Writing and submitting monthly Social Concerns newsletter articles (information provided)

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday in Advent

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

Monday, December 1 – Office Closed

Tuesday, December 2

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Mtg. 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 3

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Quilting 11:00am – 1:00pm
- Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, December 4

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:30pm
- YCC 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Friday, December 5

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, December 6

- Church Advent Decorating 9:00am - Noon

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday in Advent

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Birthday Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given in Glory to God.

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Bonnie, Lew, Amanda, Louise, Bob and Diane.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

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Minister of Choral Conducting..... *Jamie Gallupe*
Assisting Minister..... *Monica Doerr*

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